



ICLA

Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs

July 2016-May 2017 Report

PROJECTS			
ACTIVITY	DATE	COMMISSIONERS & STAFF PRESENT	SUMMARY
Centro Informativo Latino	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Juan Rodriguez & Jeannette Brown	The commission is currently in the process of creating an online Spanish language Resource Center.
Legislative Training in Des Moines	February 12, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Marlu AbarcaSonia Reyes-Snyder	Marlu, the Office in partnership with SURJ (Speak Up for Racial Justice) put on a Legislative Training for the Latino Community in Des Moines; there were 89 people in attendance.
40th Anniversary Event: Central Iowa Resource Fair & Celebration	April 8, 2017	Events Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jeannette MartinezJuan RodriguezMarlu AbarcaSonia Reyes-Snyder	This event will have the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Informational Booths2. Free Immigration Consultations with Immigration Attorneys3. Presentations from state and local agencies4. Mexican Consulate5. Food vendors6. Dance Funds collected will be used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scholarships for Latino youth in Iowa in partnership with Latinos Unidos of Iowa (September 2017)• Latino Hall of Fame Awards (October 7, 2017)
Scholarship to Latino Youth	September 9, 2017	All Commissioners	Latinos Unidos of Iowa holds their annual awards ceremony dinner. Commissioners will give away a scholarship to a Latino Youth.
Latino Hall of Fame Awards	October 7, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jeannette MartinezJuan RodriguezMarlu AbarcaSonia Reyes-Snyder	The commission will give Orgullo Latino Awards to up to three individuals (Woman, Youth). This award ceremony will be at the Department of Cultural Affairs and awards will be displayed at the Historical Building.

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Letter to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Administration	07/2016	All Commissioners	A letter was voted on and approved to be sent to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Administration asking them to consider evaluating a constituent's case.
Meeting with University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Administration	07/14/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeannette Martinez • Marlu Abarca • Michelle Reuss • Sonia Reyes-Snyder 	Commissioners met with staff to discuss options for patients who need the hospital's services but don't have the ability to pay.
Cedar Rapids Latino Festival Informational Booth	09/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alejandro Pino • Marlu Abarca • Michelle Reuss • Sonia Reyes-Snyder 	Commissioners provided information about the Commission, Welcome to Iowa Brochure and handed out gift cards that were donated by commissioners.
Latino Heritage Festival in Des Moines-Informational Booth	09/24 & 09/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeannette Martinez • Juan Rodriguez • Marlu Abarca • Sonia Reyes-Snyder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners provided information about the Commission, Welcome to Iowa Brochure and handed out gift cards that were donated by commissioners. • Attendees got their picture taken in front of our DHR/Latino Affairs backdrop holding a sign where they wrote positive messages about the Latino culture. (some pictures are attached) • A video compiling all the pictures taken was emailed in the Newsletter.
18th Annual Latinx Professional Development Conference in Iowa City	10/07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeannette Martinez • Marlu Abarca • Sal Alaniz • Sonia Reyes-Snyder 	Sonia and Commissioners facilitated the Advocacy 101 track at this conference. Attendees got to know more about commissioners and how to teach their clients to self-advocate and where to gather resources.
Letter to the Governor	January 9, 2017	All Commissioners	Letter was sent to the Governor in support of Driver's Licenses for all Iowa Residents
Legislative Training	February 12, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlu Abarca • Sonia Reyes-Snyder 	Marlu, the Office in partnership with SURJ (Speak Up for Racial Justice) put on a Legislative Training for the Latino Community in Des Moines; there were 89 people in attendance.
2017 ICLA Policy Recommendations	February 2017	All Commissioners	The commission voted and approved the 2017 Policy Recommendations